Was Told that He Would Lose Position Because of Fine, and Took Acid so Family Would Have Pension.

HAD SAVED FOUR LIVES.

Rushed Into Burning Building and Rescued Four Persons from Death In Flames of Blazing House, and Was Commended.

First-class Fireman George A. Hangrieved over the death of three of his was to be tried.

the ponsion amounting to \$600 a year.

Hannon had hopes of saving himself the brass pole and fell dead at the bottom before he could say a word to

Acting Capt. Sloan. Hannon's wife and two children live in modest but comfortable rooms at the beauty of her vocal art and her No. 773 East One Hundred and Sevemotional intensity she forced forgetfulenty-second street. He was appoint- ness of her physical unsuitedness for the

Zufann, Facing Separation from His Business of Thirty-seven Years, Fired Bullet Into His

WAS TO GO TO A HOSPITAL.

early to-day in the little barber shop at No. 246 Tenth avenue, where he has been a familiar figure for thirty-seven years. Ill health and the thought that he must go to the hospital unbalanced his mind. He shot himself in the head. Zufann fought in the civil war for four years, serving under Sigel. In 1865 he returned to New York and opened the barber-shop and never left it. He company were given a hearty reception at the Grand Opera House, where they ever the shop, and there two children presented "A Modern Magdalen" with are born. His wife died several year

he has been unable to work except a was repeated by the stock company. At small part of the time. He employed the Harlem Opera House clever Jessie help in the shop, however, and was Busley and the other members of there to greet his old customers even Charles Frohman's company amused a

For several hours the daughters heard the old man rolling nervously in bed, but finally went to sleep. About 8 o'clock he dressed and went below into

the barber shop. After arranging a few papers in a desk he stood by his old chair and fired temple.

His daughter, Kate, was attracted by the report of the revolver and found her father dead.

HERE'S A SANTA CLAUS-WITH OTHERS' MONEY.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Makes a Suggestion for Christmas. Another Santa Claus, with other

copie's money! President Greatsinger, of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system, no less.

He suggests that every passenger rid-

on his lines on Christmas Eve hand he conductor an extra fare for himself When the patrons of the Brooklyn

bapid Transit system heard this they bricked with joy. They clapped their buntoned handsns caused by hanging to straps. ey stamped their bunioned feet-the ns caused by standing in cars.

at," said they, "great for Great,

even they-have a sense of

bundred thousand of us a day pestion 900,000 times a

Consumptive Mimi, but She and Imported Toweling, all good patterns, Acting Is Adequate.

FRITZI SCHEFF SUCCESSFUL.

Three of the Men Distinguish Themselves in Giving Character to the Latin-Quarter Roles, De Marchi Alone Falling Short.

An embarrassment of riches in the mon, a roll of honor man for saving way of old faces in new make-up pre-many lives, was unable to work white he valied last evening at the Opera-House Ordinarily Mme. Sembrich in a new ons. For absenting himself seven times role would furnish ample novelty for from his station without permission he the regular opera patron, but there was besides practically a new cast for the Fearing dismissal and the consequent presentation of "La Boheme," a popular loss of his pension, he committed sui-olde before the Fire Commissioner resulted in a brilliant audience, which could discharge him. His widow and enjoyed an effective production of two remaining children will now have Puccini's musical setting of Murger's love episode of the Latin Quarter. The love sick and consumptive Mim

until Commissioner Sturgis called at is a role little suited to the physique of the House of Truck No. 17, in One Hundred and Forty-third street, where the man was stationed. Then the fact that to display her dazzling colorature. Limpidity of tone, grace in delivery a carea. practical joke had been played upon pidity of tone, grace in delivery, a capachim became apparent. He went to his quarters, drank the contents of a twoounce bottle of carbollo acid, slid down

ments of the role, grace in delivery, a capacity for the expression of pathos in tone
and gesture cover the artistic requirements of the role, and it goes without

Mimi Stands Ont.

But she went further, and through

enty-second street. He was appointed to the Fire Department ten years ago, and first served with Engine Company No. 20.

He had not been a fireman a year when he rescued four people from a burning building, risking his own life to do so. The newspapers praised him and the Commissioner wrote with a letter commending his bravery.

In the beautiful melodic phrases in which Puccini has written the music of the role make it most gratifying to the true artist. This may account for Mme. Sembrich's adding it to her repertoire. It is worthy of comment that an artist it is worthy of comment that an artist. Puccini has written the music of the role make it most gratifying to the true artist. This may account for Mme. Sembrich's adding it to her repertoire. It is worthy of comment that an artist of her assured position should undertake the task of acquiring a new role as if it were a matter of course. It shows what an energode little woman she is and what a thorough artist.

Much of the accustomed Sembrich spontaniety was missing in the garret scene. Neither she nor De Marchi were dramatically satisfying in the opening love scene, nor were they vocally at ease, but Mme. Sembrich was her old self in the two final acts.

"Shifty Fritzy," as Mr. Damrosch used to call Mr. Grau's pert little Vienness song bird, fitted into the role of the saucy Musetta like a plump hand in a glove.

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With all her airy-fairy ways, Mme. Scheff did not forget to sing admirably, lier zest carried the case scene and with Campanari's clever assistance she achieved an inspiring climax.

De Marchi was not an impressive Rodolfo. He sang well despite an unusually marked nasal quality in the middle register, but Mr. De Marchi is a bad actor. This weakness was emphasized by the exceeding cleverness of his companions, Gilibert, Campanari and Journet, who, in garb and action, were truthful types of the Latin Quarter. Gilibert was in effervescent mood, and Campanari was a nimble colleague. Journet looked the philosopher under a top hat that must have been purloined from Oscar Hammerstein.

Everybody seemed to be on good derms with the pitch last evening, and Mr. Mancinelli's orchestra was on its very best behavior.

IN OTHER HOUSES.

Miss Amelia Bingham and her fine Two years ago the old barber had the Circle Theatre, "Jane," in which a stroke of paralysis and since then Miss Bijou Fernandez is happily cast, was repeated by the stock company. At Broadway production of the play. At though he could not work.

In former years his business paid well, farce, "The Two S hools." "The Streets but he was generous to a fault and igave away most of his money to friends less fortunate than he. Old age found him with nothing saved.

Yesterday Dr. Louis Newman, of No. West Twenty-fourth street, advised him to go to the hospital for treatment. Last night the two daughters held a conference and decided that it woulid be best to sell the little barber shop and have their father taken to the hospital, as the doctor suggested. This was agreed upon when the family retired at 10 o'clock.

Por several hours the daughters heard

of New York' proved a popular attraction, at the Murray Hill. "A Remarkable case," which has hypnotism for its theme, was given its first performance and the Murray Hill. "A Remarkable Case," which has they proved a popular attraction at the Murray Hill. "A Remarkable Case," which has hypnotism for its theme, was given its first performance at the Murray Hill. "A Remarkable Case," which has they proved a popular attraction at the Murray Hill. "A Remarkable Case," which has hypnotism for its theme, was given its first performance at the Murray Hill. "A Remarkable Case," which has hypnotism for its theme, was given its first performance at the American. "The Wild Rose," at the American. "The Wild Rose," at the American. "The Wild Rose," at the Metropolis at the American. "The Wild Rose," at the Murray Hill. "A Remarkable Case," which has hypnotism for its theme, was given its first performance at the Multiple Case," which has typrotism for its theme, was given its first performance at the Multiple Case," which has typrotism for its theme, was given its first performance at the Multiple Case," which has typrotism for its theme, was given its first performance at the Multiple Case," which has typrotism for its theme, was given its first performance at the Multiple Case," and a devil of a work. It certainly "passeth all understanding." It has a plot which even a yarn expert like. Commissioner Partridge would be powerly a country peddler's pack. Anybody who a country peddler's pack. Anybody who

Louis Wesley, returned to vaudeville after three years, scored a hit at Kelh's. The Colby family and Edwin Latell, the musical comedian, were the features of a good bill at Pastor's. Mme. Eugenia Mantelli, the grand opera prima donna, was a special attraction at Hurtig & Seamon's. Proctor's theatres: The Russell Brothers in a new riti were Hurtig & Seamon's. Proctor's theatres: The Russell Brothers in a new rish were favorites at the Twenty-third street house. "Hoodman Blind" was revived by the Fifth Avenue stock company. "Fallen Among Thieves" was the sensational offering at the Fifty-eighth street house. "All the Comforts of Home" proved a strong cold weather attraction at the Warlem house. Charley Case cave Newark something to laugh at. Wax figures suggesting the Christmas sea" Eden Musee. Moth Miller, "The Horse with the Gold Tooth," backed the other wasn't a welcher when it came to curios off the platform at Huber's.

HOLD-OVER ATTRACTIONS.

New weeks were begun by William amusing and pathetic. In "The Peddler" Faversham in "Imprudence," Empire; he is neither. He is simply a weak imi-Julia Marlowe in "The Cavaller," Critation of Dave Warfield in "The Aucterion; Mary Mannering in "The Stub-bornness of Geraldine," Garrick; Ethel bornness of Geraldine," Garrick; Ethel Barrymore in "A Country Mouse" and "Carrots," Bavoy; Nat C. Goodwin and Maxine Elliott in "The Altar of Friendship," Knickerboeker; Eleanor Robson in "Audrey." Madison Square; Richard Mansfield in "Julius Caeser," Herald Square; "A Chinese Honeymoon," Casino; "The Silver Silpper," Broadway; Mabelle Gilman in "The Mocking Bird." Bijou; "Fad and Folly," Mrs. Osborn's Playhouse; "The Darling of the Gods," Bolasco's Taeatre; 'The Eternal City, Victoria; Mrs. Fiske in "Mary of Magdala, Manhattan; "The Ninety and Nine," Academy of Music; "Twirly-Whir,y" and "Humming Birds and Colons." Weber and Fields; "A Country Girl." Daly's; James K. Hackett in "The Crisis," Wallack's.

IN RECOKLAM

IN BROOKLYN. Weedon Grossmith and his clever con pany of English actors began an en-gagement at the Montauk in "The Night of the Party."
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But it didn't. It merely complicated matters. To start with, there was a humble, plodding peddler of Hebraic dialect who was twice disowned by a son whom no self-respecting father would own. Any son who figures suggesting the Christmas sear as this actor-son acted certainly couldn't son were placed on exhibition at the ask for any father-stage or otherwiseparental affection. He stood for a great deal more than the audience would. In vaudeville Mr. Welch was both

of Col. Ochiltree's diamonds and jew- Holland-American steamship Rhyndam,

Your Play, "The Peddler," is a Says "Mary of Magdala" Is Type of Drama Mothers Should Wish Daughters to See

Ministerial indorsement has been given "Mary of Magdala," the play in 19 MAIDEN LANE. which Mrs. Fiske is appearing at th

"Chuck" Connors, who has a proto-type in the play, blew the foam off a tall "It is to our advantage to study and one on the corner after the third act pass intelligent judgment on the plays that are being presented before the big congregations at our theatres. The significant instance of the good that the theatre may accomplish is found in 'Mary of Magdala,' which Mrs. Fiske is playing in this city.

"Having seen this play, I may say that it is tremendously dramatic; inthat it is tremendously dramatic; intensely reverent and inspiring in tone and particularly beneficial because it is presented by a woman who stands for all that is highest in dramatic art, and who personally is a type of noble womanhood that American mothers would wish their daughters to see. I want every one of you to view this play and privately to use your influence to induce the members of your congregation to see it."

The home of Prof. J. B. Stillman, head chemist at the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, was entered by burglars last nght and silverware and clothing valued at between \$2,000 and \$3,000 removed. In addition Prof. Stillman has missed a number of valuable

HAD CAUSE TO GET DRUNK.

Man Who Lost, All in Fire Set Free by Magistrate. William Bauman, thirty-five, of No.

place where three people were burned to death yesterday and that he had lost all his belongings.

Bauman pleaded that he had tried to drown his sorrows in drink and had been arrested. Magistrate Zeller discharged him.

Found Bride He'd Offered \$10 For. Gaston Tessier, the engineer of the who lost his three-weeks' bride Sunday night, has found her again. She had wandered about until she met a woman The estate is valued at \$20,000, against wandered about until she met a woman which, it was the Colonel's proud boast, there was not one dolar of indebtedness.

"If don't owe a dollar in the world," the Colonel said, when he affixed his signature to the will.

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burglars last ngtht and silverware and olothing valued at between \$2,000 and Then Suicide Turned on Gas papers, the exact amount of which he cannot now estimate.

There was not a thing of any worth on the lower floor that was left. Every particle of clothing was taken, and the gold cuff buttons were removed from a 2412 First avenue, was arraigned in the pair of cuffs on the library table. In a

and taken.

The thieves entered through a library window. That they took their time and made a complete search is nade certain by the remains of several eigars, which were taken from eral eigars, which were taken from Prof. Stillman's supply on the side board. The ashes were carefully put on a tray on the table.

The robbers did not get to the second floor, although they made an air tempt to force the heavy doors which left through the window they entered, left through the window they entered, and it is thought they must have carried way their plunder in a wagon.

The ashes were carefully put on a tray on the table.

The robbers did not get to the second floor, although they made an air tempt to force the heavy doors which left through the window they entered, left through the window they entered, and it is thought they must have carried with his sweetheart. He called her Lena, and her last name is not known by his friends. He appeared and did not come to the din-

There was a tremendous amount of Christmus real aboard the steaments Deutschland when she sailed for Hamburg. Money orders to the number of warranted not to burn more than five cents amounting to \$122,793.43, were in the 1575 sacks of mail. There were 15,000 hours, the same of hear in a salpin december of

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what he had to say the man answered that he lived on the second floor of the place where three people were burned. The thieves entered through a line his room at No. 41 Third street.

After a quarrel with his sweetheart Lena, Max Becker turned on the gas against me and the assemblies of victorial taken.

The thieves entered through a line his room at No. 41 Third street.

depressed and did not come to the din-

the first floor and asked to take it to his room. After drinking half the beer he wrote a note, bequeathing the other half to "Lena," and turned on the gaa. He requested his lamdiady to burn "Lena's" ploture when his body was found. He estimated that the gas would not burn more than twelve hours at a cost of about 60 cents. As he had been a boarder for a long time he said he thought his landlady could afford to lose this amount. Breaks Open Martha Washington's Wardrobe in City Hall and Steals Pocketbook.

Workmen Killed by Turks.

Burned 100,000 Olgars. SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 16.—Advices from the frontier say that eventy-four burned 100,000 cigars which were thirty burned 100,000 cigars which were thirty years old, because the revenue tax was by Turkish frontier guards near Tubunpald.

### NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 16.— It is probable that the official board of The predatory thief has now invaded the City Hall. He came—just when no-body seems to know—and forced his the Pitman Methodist Church will take some action in the matter of the rather way into a wardrobe in the Governor's unusual procedure of the pastor, Rev. HE EXPLAINED THE JOKE. D. N. Stafford, on Sunday morning. He room, once the property of Martha opened the services in the usual man-ner and then read the Eightiern Psalm, the property of Mrs. Eliza Little, who

wardrobe was splintered. The implement was found on the floor. The pocketbook contained \$10, a number of old newspaper clippings containing the announcement of the death of her husband, a veteran of the civil war, and other papers of a personal character, the loss of which Mrs. Little feels She wishes the thief would send them back. He can have the \$10 as a reward.